

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended): A method for synchronizing an aspect of operation for two or more gaming machines comprising:

defining a distance parameter;

defining one or more reference gaming machines;

analyzing the location of one or more gaming machines in relation to ~~the~~ said one or more reference gaming machines and the distance parameter to form a subset of gaming machines;

generating a control signal to control operation of the aspect of gaming machine operation; and

transmitting the control signal to the subset of gaming machines to thereby control the aspect of operation of the subset of gaming machines.

2 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the aspect of gaming machine operation comprises audio emitted from a gaming machine of said subset of gaming machines.

3 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein an aspect of gaming machine operation comprises video shown on a ~~gaming machine~~ video screen of a gaming machine of said subset of gaming machines.

4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the distance parameter comprises data regarding which gaming machines will have the aspect of operation synchronized.

5 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein transmitting the control signals occurs over a computer network.

6-8 (canceled)

9 (currently amended): A system for controlling two or more gaming machines upon an occurrence of a winning event, the system comprising:

a gaming machine location system configured to generate location data regarding a ~~the~~ locations of ~~two or more~~ a plurality of gaming machines in relation to a gaming machine having a winning event;

a computing device configured to:

receive winning event data regarding a said winning event at a said gaming machine;

control at least one aspect of gaming machine operation;

process the location data and the winning event data to generate control

signals directed to said two ~~one~~ or more gaming machines; and

a communication apparatus configured to ~~communication~~ communicate the control signals from the computing device ~~and the~~ to said two or more gaming machines.

10 (currently amended): The system of Claim 9, wherein the control signals comprise signals that control operation of at least one of ~~the~~ a gaming machine audio, gaming machine visual indicators, and gaming machine video.

11 (original): The system of Claim 9, wherein the computing device comprises a computing device configured to processes the location data and the winning event to

determine which gaming machines are located within a minimum distance from the gaming machine having the occurrence of the winning event.

12 (original): The system of Claim 11 wherein only gaming machines located within the minimum distance receive the control signals.

13 (currently amended): A method for highlighting occurrence of a winning event on a gaming machine by causing other proximately located gaming machines to react to the winning event, the method comprising:

detecting a winning event, the winning event occurring at a first gaming machine;
processing location data regarding the first gaming machine to determine which additional gaming machines are proximately located to the first gaming machine;
generating control instructions to control one or more aspects of one or more selected gaming machines from said proximately located additional gaming machines; and
transmitting the control instructions to said one or more selected gaming machines from said ~~of the~~ proximately located additional gaming machines.

14 (original): The method of Claim 13, wherein processing location data compares the distance between the first gaming machine and the additional gaming machines to determine which additional gaming machines are proximately located.

15 (currently amended): The method of Claim 13, wherein the control instructions control light and audio activation on additional said one or more selected gaming machines receiving the control instructions.

16 (original): The method of Claim 13, further including determining a location of the first gaming machine.

17-24 (canceled)